

January 9, 2024 – Severe Weather Alert:

This is a reminder to remain vigilant about adverse weather preparedness. Connecticut is forecast to experience heavy rain and high winds Tuesday night into Wednesday morning.

During periods of heavy rains and high winds, residents are asked to limit their travel to avoid accidents, stranding and/or circumstances requiring emergency services. If you must be out, and after the storm passes, assume downed wires are energized and dangerous, and do not ignore caution tape and signs placed by emergency responders.

Newtown's First Selectman and the Emergency Management Office urge residents to be prepared for adverse weather and ask that every resident make appropriate preparations to ensure personal safety and readiness. Also, take action to protect your pets. Please review your preparedness.

- **Please check on any elderly or frail neighbors** to be certain they are doing OK in this weather.
- **Be Prepared to Properly Care for Pets in severe weather.**
- **Consider Your Medical Needs** – Review continuity of care from existing professional assistance, supply of medications, home delivery of essential supplies such as oxygen, specific needs.
- **Make a Kit** – Water, Food – Non-perishable food for minimum of three days, battery operated radio, Flashlight, extra batteries, first aid kit, garbage bags and other sanitation type materials
- **Generators** - Please be sure that the generator is properly installed and vented away from the house. Never run a generator indoors or in the garage.
- **Make a Backup Plan**
Make sure you have a communications plan setup with your family, especially those out of the area who may be worried about your well-being. Setup a time and method to get in touch with them to let them know your status
- **Be Informed** - Make sure your cell phones and other mobile devices are fully charged in the event the power goes out. Be sure to listen to the local authorities and weather stations for information on the weather's progression.

If extensive power outages occur, information regarding locations for relief and support services will be disseminated.

Important numbers and contact information:

If there is a Life Safety Emergency – call 911

Connecticut's free information and referral service: call 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

Power outage – call 800-286-2000

Code Red – register at Emergency Management on the Public Safety page on the Town of Newtown's website <http://www.newtown-ct.gov/emergency-management> or call 203-270-4370 for assistance;

Smart 911 – register at Emergency Management on the Public Safety page on the Town of Newtown's website <http://www.newtown-ct.gov/emergency-management>

Check News and Announcements on the Town website: www.newtown-ct.gov
You can register there too to receive news <https://www.newtown-ct.gov/subscribe>

First Selectman's office Tel (203) 270-4201

Newtown Human Services Tel (203) 270-4330

Emergency Management/Fire Marshal Tel (203) 270-4370

Newtown Health District Tel (203) 270-4291

Newtown Community Center Tel (203) 270-4349

After Hours Newtown Police Routine Line Tel (203) 426-5841